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FBI AGENTS OVERSEAS

The FBI has expanded its overseas network of agents from 90 to 96.

FBI operations in foreign countries have never been specifically authorized by Congress. Intelligence gathering, especially overseas, is supposedly the domain of the Central Intelligence Agency. But FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has convinced Congress to let him open two new offices abroad and increase his permanent foreign staff.

The function of 96 FBI agents in ten overseas posts is to develop and maintain a close and cooperative relationship with police agencies in the countries to which they've been assigned.

Overseas the FBI agents are called "legal attachés."